Production of cigarettes

2365. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to sate:

(a) what is the number of cigarettes produced from one kilogram of tobacco leaf;

(b) what is the average cost realised by the grower from various grades during the last year; and

(c) what is the consumer price of various brands of cigarettes, that are manufactured from these grades of tobacco?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) About 1000 to 1400 cigarettes are produced per kg of tobacco, depending on whether the cigarettes is filter or non-filter, filter size, length and diameter of the cigarette etc.

(b) Overall average price realised by growers in Andhra in the 199 auction was Rs. 27.63 per kg. and in Karnataka in the recently concluded 1992-93 auction was about Rs 27 per kg.

(c) Retail market prices (for pack of 10 cigarettes) of some of the cigarette brands are as follows:—

Brand Name	Plain Rs.	Filter (small size) Rs.	King size filter Rs.
Gold Flake	5.60	7.25	13.00
Bristol	..	5.60	..
Berkeley	..	5.40	..
Scissors	4.70	..	..
Wills	..	9.75	Not available
Classic	..	..	29.00 per pack of 20 cigarettes.
Four square	..	5.10	24.00 per 20 cigaratte
Chancellor	..	..	13.50
Golden's Goldflake	2.50	..	..

Exports to Trinidad and Tabago

2366. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is good scope for exports to Trinidad and Tabago;

(b) wether it is also a fact that Government have made some study in this regard and if so, the detai thereof; and

(c) what steps Government hav taken or propose to take in this r gard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERC (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) (a) to (c) A report on Trinidad Tobago prepared by the Indian Inst tute of Foreign Trade states that th